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- On 4 September 1948 Soviet Army units began to rebuild the Heiho (127-31, 50-15)-Peian (126-34,48-16) railroad, a distance of 302.9 kilometers. This stretch of railroad was originally destroyed by Soviet troops in May 1946, when the rails, spikes and sleepers were shipped to the USSR.
- 2. By 26 October 1948 the railroad had been rebuilt from Heiho to Chenching (a distance of 166.2 kilometers) and the gauge had been increased to five feet.
- 3. The Soviet Army is also constructing a branch line from Sunwu (127-22,49-27) to Raychikhinsk (129-12,49-46) in Siberia. The material for this line came from 181 kilometers of rails between Ningmien (124-27,47-47) and Nenchiang (125-13,49-11) removed by the Soviets in 1946.

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Comment. states on 29 April 1948 the Peian-Heiho railroad was operating on standard gauge.

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